

WSR 22-08-076
RULES OF COURT
STATE SUPREME COURT
[March 31, 2022]

IN THE MATTER OF THE) ORDER
SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS TO GR) NO. 25700-A-1416
31—ACCESS TO COURT RECORDS)

The Washington State Office of Public Defense and the Minority and Justice Commission, having recommended the adoption of the suggested amendments to GR 31—Access to Court Records, and the Court having considered the suggested amendments, and having determined that the suggested amendments will aid in the prompt and orderly administration of justice;

Now, therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED:

(a) That the suggested amendments as shown below are adopted.

(b) That pursuant to the emergency provisions of GR 9 (j) (1), the suggested amendments will be expeditiously published in the Washington Reports and will become effective upon publication.

DATED at Olympia, Washington this 31st day of March, 2022.

Johnson, J.
Madsen, J.
Owens, J.
Gonzalez, C.J.
Gordon McCloud, J.
Yu, J.
Whitener, J.

GR 31
ACCESS TO COURT RECORDS

(a) - (c) [Unchanged.]

(d) Access.

(1) [Unchanged.]

(2) Information from an official juvenile offender court record shall not be displayed on a publicly accessible website. The only exception to this rule is if the website is accessed from a physical county clerk's office location.

(2) (3) Each court by action of a majority of the judges may from time to time make and amend local rules governing access to court records not inconsistent with this rule.

(3) (4) A fee may not be charged to view court records at the courthouse.

(e) - (f) [Unchanged.]

(g) Bulk Distribution of Court Records.

(1) [Unchanged.]

(2) Dissemination contracts shall not include the dissemination or distribution of juvenile court records.

(2) (3) A request for bulk distribution of court records may be denied if providing the information will create an undue burden on court or court clerk operations because of the amount of equipment, materials, staff time, computer time or other resources required to satisfy the request.

~~(3)~~ (4) The use of court records, distributed in bulk form, for the purpose of commercial solicitation of individuals named in the court records is prohibited.

(h) - (k) [Unchanged.]